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SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Was any sugar imported from other States for distribution in this State, and was the sugar produced here itself distributed to the people of the State in 1963–64?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : I do not have the information.

Construction of bridge at the North spill-way of Chingleput lake.

[a] * 54 *Q.*—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any bridge is under construction at the north spill-way of Chingleput lake; and

(*b*) if so, the estimated cost thereof?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Rs. 4.06 lakhs.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : What is the need for a bridge at such a high cost at that place?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : To meet the requirements and standards of a national highway.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : There was no necessity at all. Even the present road is quite all right and can take any kind of load or any kind of traffic just at that place. What is the special importance for this bridge, when other important bridges like the Vidur bridge, which collapsed a year before, were negelected and the bridge in Chingleput given more importance?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : There is no comparison between the collapsed bridge and this work. This work on the highway was planned and carried out according to the priority fixed. The repair to the Vidur bridge, which the hon. Member referred to and which collapsed, is also being attended to.

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR : Sir, will the Hon. Minister tell us whether the Government are aware of the fact that traffic has been stopped on many occasions on account of the surplus water flowing down the spill-way near Chingleput ?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : That is the reason.

Tanks within the municipal limits of Madurai City

[a] * 55 *Q.*—SRI N. R. THIAGARAJAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of tanks within the Municipal limits of Madurai City;

(*b*) the number of unutilized tanks among them;

(*c*) whether attempts were made to have the tanks assigned; and

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[a] Questions postponed from the list of questions for 5th August 1965.